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## Public Library

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### **Library to Receive \$4 Million for Preschool Learning Centers** *Funding Awarded by First Five Commission of San Diego*

**SAN DIEGO** – The City of San Diego Public Library has been awarded \$4 million in funding from the First Five Commission of San Diego to construct and equip Preschooler's Door to Learning centers at four planned branch libraries: College-Rolando, Logan Heights, Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa and Skyline Hills. Each branch will receive \$1 million toward its capital project.

The Library's proposal was one of eight approved for funding out of 41 submissions.

"We are gratified that the First Five Commission of San Diego felt our projects were consistent with the commission's vision and goals: to provide an environment where children can enter school ready to learn," said City Library Director Anna Tatár.

Constructing Preschooler's Door to Learning centers at the branch libraries is designed to promote school readiness from infancy, providing services for self-enrichment and allow children to discover the pleasures of reading and learning. The Preschooler's Door to Learning centers will be the designated portion of a library designed exclusively for children younger than 5 years, their parents and caregivers. This area also includes space and equipment for the Families for Literacy Program.

All four libraries are part of the City's \$312.3 million program to build or expand 24 libraries throughout San Diego.

The County of San Diego established the First Five Commission of San Diego in 1998 to implement local funding from Proposition 10, a statewide initiative that added a 50-cent per pack tax on cigarettes, and a comparable tax on other tobacco products. The revenue generated from the tax is used to fund education, health and childcare programs that promote early childhood development from the prenatal period to age five.

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